

# Youth Suicide Prevention: A Community Response

*Every week in the state of Washington 2 young people commit suicide. According to the 1999 Clark County Assets Survey, 26% of our local 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders report being frequently depressed and/or have attempted suicide.*

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**What is being done about it?** Local schools and other professionals are strengthening prevention and response systems. Community Choices 2010 is studying the issue. Clark County is convening a Task Force to develop a local prevention plan. Each of us has a role to play.

**How can you help prevent youth suicide?** The keys to prevention are recognizing the warning signs and knowing how to get someone the help they need. Together we can build a network of informed individuals skilled at asking the right questions at the right time.

## BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION.

Come to  
**The Partnership Presentation**  
Tuesday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Jason Lee Hall • First United Methodist Church  
33<sup>rd</sup> & Main Street in Vancouver



### Meet...

- **A parent** relating a personal story of losing a child to suicide.
- **A mental health professional** teaching warning signs for depression and suicide.
- **A children's advocate** sharing information about community resources.

**Who should attend?** "The Partnership Presentation" will be valuable for parents, grandparents, teens, youth leaders, teachers, counselors, youth pastors, youth service providers, youth employers, and all concerned community members.

**For more information** call Janet Charles, Community Health and Wellness Division, Southwest Washington Health District, 360-397-8438.

**Sponsors:** Community Choices 2010 Violence Prevention Committee,  
Clark County Department of Community Services and Corrections, and  
Southwest Washington Health District

*"The Partnership Presentation" has been developed for concerned communities like ours  
by the Washington State Suicide Prevention Project.*